

Capricornia Bushwalkers Club Inc – Child Safety Policy

Purpose

Capricornia Bushwalkers Club is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all members, including children and young people. Although we are primarily an adult bushwalking club and do not run activities specifically for children or families, we recognise our responsibility to ensure that any child involved in our activities is safe and respected.

Scope

This policy applies to all members, volunteers, leaders, participants and committee members of Capricornia Bushwalkers Club.

Commitment to Child Safety

We are committed to:

- Promoting the safety and wellbeing of children involved in our club
- Preventing child abuse by identifying and removing risks as far as possible
- Ensuring that any concerns about child safety are reported and addressed appropriately

Participation by Children

Children under 18 may only participate in club activities:

- With the knowledge and consent of their parent or guardian
- Under the direct supervision of a responsible adult (usually the parent or guardian)
- When the activity is deemed appropriate and safe for their participation

The club does not run activities specifically for children or families. We do not provide child supervision or child-specific programming.

Expected Behaviour

All members are expected to:

- Treat children and young people with respect and courtesy
- Avoid any conduct that could be construed as inappropriate or harmful
- Report any child safety concerns to the Club President or Secretary

Reporting Concerns

If any member has a concern about the safety of a child in connection with club activities, they should report it as soon as possible to the Club President or Secretary. Serious concerns will be referred to the appropriate authorities.

Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years or earlier if legislation or club circumstances change.